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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Security Center

SUBJECT : DDI Comments on Draft Guidelines for
Implementing Executive Order 11652

1. I have reviewed your proposed guidelines for imple-
menting EO 11652 with respect to the TALENT-KEYHOLE Control
System. Both the guidelines and the following comments have
been discussed with the DDI.

2. Is this trip really necessary? Beginning with the
Executive Order itself, we have been inflicted with a growing
body of literature on the subject of classification/declassif-
ication. In some cases, this cornucopia of guidance has con-
fused rather than clarified what essentially is a simple
matter. Where TALENT-KEYHOLE material is concerned, we really
have just one main objective -- to make sure it stays in the
exempted category. This seems to me a fact so obvious that
it does not require restating. Nevertheless, if you feel the
guidelines are needed, I would offer the following comments:

a. I can see no particular advantage and several dis-
advantages to automatically making the DCI classifying officer.
We are finding identification of classifiers a useful tool in
pinning down at least the office of origin for a document. You

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aspect. Someone who misuses a classification -- and it
happens in TKH as well as collateral -- should not be
allowed to hide   25X1

        b. I suggest you use only exemption categories
5B(1), (2), and (3). 5B(4) pertains to information which
could put an individual in immediate personal jeopardy.

        c. The warning notice should remain on all TKH
documents. We cannot approve any guidelines which do not
contain that notice.

        d. The guidelines should be submitted to the Special
Assistant for Information Control before publication.

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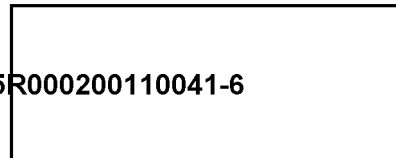   Distribution:
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